



# Apiary Inspectors of America



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Greetings Members of the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA):

We are excited to announce that this year we will be holding the AIA annual meeting in collaboration with the American Honey Producers Association (AHPA) Convention and Trade Show and the American Association of Professional Apiculturist (AAPA) in Tempe, AZ at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Phoenix Tempe, January 8-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. During this meeting, we will have the opportunity to interact with beekeepers, producers, researchers, and state regulatory authorities to gain the most up to date information related to honey bee health, hive management and production. We will also hear about the status of honey bee health nationwide, issues that states are facing, new legislation, updates on their state level Pollinator Plan, budgets, personnel, how states deal with incoming threats, and different approaches to coordinating apiary programs and performing health inspections. We have also scheduled in time to hear from each state representative about health and other updates that is happening in their state. The conversations, discussions and group networking that occurs at these meetings tend to be the most valuable interactions, resources and support in our positions throughout the year. Given this, we strongly encourage you to become a member of AIA and join us for the meeting this year! If you are interested, you can also register for the AHPA and AAPA meetings and attend both with registration.

Please take a minute to fill out and return the attached membership form and meeting registration to Keith Tignor. If you would like to see a topic added to the meeting agenda or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Kim at 857-319-1020 or at [kim.skyrm@mass.gov](mailto:kim.skyrm@mass.gov).

We look forward to seeing everyone in January!

Sincerely,

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